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## **MEXICAN NATIONAL PLEADS GUILTY TO METH VIOLATIONS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national pleaded guilty in federal court today to distributing and possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

**Ruben Ozuna-Estrada**, 23, a Mexican national, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon.

By pleading guilty, **Ozuna-Estrada** admitted that he distributed methamphetamine on Dec. 8 and Dec. 13, 2004. **Ozuna-Estrada** also admitted that he possessed with intent to distribute methamphetamine on Dec. 14, 2004.

Specifically, **Ozuna-Estrada** admitted that he either distributed or possessed with intent to distribute approximately 94.49 grams of methamphetamine on four occasions over a six day period. Additionally, during a search of his residence, law enforcement officers discovered a .25-caliber handgun and a set of digital scales.

**Ozuna-Estrada** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 12, 2005, in Kansas City.

Under federal statutes, **Ozuna-Estrada** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Rhoades. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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